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GOVERNOR O'MALLEY EmPOWERS "CLEAN ENERGY COMMUNITIES" WITH AN ADDITIONAL \$2 MILLION FOR ENERGY IMPROVEMENTS

Grants to be Awarded in Every County of the State and Baltimore City are Expected to Help Approx. 1,400 Marylanders

ANNAPOLIS, MD (December 1, 2010) – Governor Martin O'Malley announced today the award recipients for the FY2011 "EmPOWER Clean Energy Communities" grant program, which helps local governments and nonprofits fund energy efficiency projects specifically for low to moderate income Marylanders. The grants, overseen by the Maryland Energy Administration (MEA), are expected to help 1,400 Marylanders save a total of 1,800 MWH of electricity and almost 7 million cubic feet of natural gas each year, or over \$5.1 million in savings over the estimates life of the measures.

"These grants are an example of exactly the type of efficiency projects we had intended for Maryland communities and families when we entered into the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, the nation's first multi-state collaborative carbon cap-and-trade program," said Governor O'Malley. "These grants are another step forward in our effort to make Maryland's future cleaner, greener, and more sustainable for all our citizens."

These grants, forty-one in total, will be awarded in every county across Maryland and Baltimore City. With projects ranging from home energy efficiency upgrades in Caroline County to large-scale residential weatherization in Montgomery County, local jurisdictions and non-profit organizations will use these funds to help make Maryland more energy efficient.

"The Maryland Energy Administration is thrilled to be able to help hundreds of Maryland families save money on their energy bills, while also creating jobs and stimulating the economy," said Malcolm Woolf, Director of the Maryland Energy Administration. "Under the leadership of Governor O'Malley, Maryland is continuing to move forward towards achieving our *EmPower Maryland* goal of reducing energy consumption 15% by 2025."

Each Maryland county and Baltimore City was provided an allocation based on the number of low-to-moderate income households residing in the respective area. A listing of grants awarded is detailed below. Funding for the program comes from the Strategic Energy Investment Fund, which was created from public auctions of carbon credits through the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative.

For more information, [visit the Maryland Energy Administration](http://www.energy.maryland.gov).

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2011 EMPOWER Clean Energy Communities Project Synopsis

Low-to-Moderate Income Energy Efficiency Grants

Fort Recovery Inc.

Allegany County

\$24,000

Fort Recovery will complete an energy efficiency retrofit on a building housing 12-step recovery programs.

Arundel Community Development Services	Anne Arundel County	\$91,000
Arundel Community Development Services will complete energy efficiency retrofits on affordable senior housing units in Annapolis, MD.		
Baltimore City Department of General Services	Baltimore City	\$100,000
The Baltimore City Department of General Services will leverage this grant to install ENERGY STAR qualified furnaces in low-to-moderate income homes undergoing weatherization.		
Civic Works, Inc.	Baltimore City	\$150,000
Through Project Lightbulb, Civic Works will deliver energy conservation visits, energy audits and energy efficiency overhauls to low-to-moderate income households.		
Coalition to End Childhood Lead Poisoning	Baltimore City	\$50,000
The Energy Plus program will deliver energy audits and interventions to low-to-moderate income households at the same time the homes are receiving Housing and Urban Development (HUD) sponsored environmental interventions through the Coalition's Safe at Home Healthy Homes Program and Lead Elimination Action Program (LEAP).		
GUIDE Program, Inc.	Baltimore City	\$16,000
The GUIDE Program will complete an energy efficiency retrofit on a therapeutic group home for individuals requiring behavioral health services.		
St. Ambrose Housing Aid Center	Baltimore City	\$76,700
St. Ambrose Housing Aid Center will leverage their grant to enable HVAC upgrades to homes in the Harwood and Barclay neighborhoods of Baltimore City.		
The Arc of Baltimore, Inc.	Baltimore County	\$50,000
The Arc of Baltimore will complete an energy efficiency retrofit of the Dundalk Day Center. The Day Center serves approximately 150 individuals each day.		
Civic Works, Inc.	Baltimore County	\$100,000
Through Project Lightbulb, Civic Works will deliver energy conservation visits, energy audits and energy efficiency overhauls to low-to-moderate income households.		
Diversified Housing Development	Baltimore County	\$193,000
Diversified Housing will audit and weatherize homes in Baltimore County. The energy retrofits will include installing measures such as CFLs, insulation, low flow shower head and aerators as well as completing air sealing and duct sealing, as necessary.		
Prosperity Pail Ministry Works, Inc.	Calvert County	\$21,000
This grant will enable Prosperity Pail to provide hot water tank upgrades to low-to-moderate income residents living in Calvert County.		
Caroline County Habitat for Humanity	Caroline County	\$21,000
This grant will enable Caroline County Habitat for Humanity to provide audits and energy efficiency upgrades.		
Hindman Foundation/First Global Vision	Carroll County	\$28,000
This grant will enable Hindman Foundation/First Global Vision to provide audits and cost effective energy efficiency upgrades to low-to-moderate income Carroll County residents.		
Community Coalition for Affordable Housing	Cecil County	\$22,000
This grant will enable Community Coalition for Affordable Housing to provide energy efficiency upgrades to low-to-moderate income residents of Cecil County.		

Prosperity Pail Ministry Works, Inc. **Charles County** **\$30,500**
This grant will enable Prosperity Pail to provide hot water tank upgrades to low-to-moderate income residents.

Habitat for Humanity - Choptank **Dorchester County** **\$20,744**
This grant will enable Habitat for Humanity - Choptank to provide energy efficiency upgrades to low-to-moderate income residents of Dorchester County.

City of Frederick Department of Planning **Frederick County** **\$52,000**
As part of the "Keeping Frederick Green" program, the City of Frederick will use grant funds to help low-to-moderate income homeowners make energy efficiency upgrades on family housing units.

Garrett County Habitat for Humanity **Garrett County** **\$15,000**
Garrett County Habitat for Humanity will use their grant to enable energy efficiency upgrades for three (3) Habitat homes in Garrett County.

Prosperity Pail Ministry Works, Inc. **Garrett County** **\$6,000**
This grant will enable Prosperity Pail to provide hot water tank upgrades to low-to-moderate income residents.

City of Aberdeen **Harford County** **\$40,000**
The City of Aberdeen will install energy efficiency measures in low-to-moderate income homes.

Harford County Habitat for Humanity **Harford County** **\$47,000**
Harford County Habitat for Humanity will use the \$47,000 grant for energy efficiency upgrades to Habitat homes being constructed, renovated, or repaired in Harford County.

Community Action Council of Howard County **Howard County** **\$36,500**
The Community Action Council of Howard County will enable audits and energy upgrades in low-to-moderate income homes.

Howard County Housing Commission **Howard County** **\$36,500**
The Howard County Housing Commission will complete energy efficiency retrofits on at the Morningside Senior Living Community in Ellicott City.

County Commissioners of Kent County **Kent County** **\$21,000**
The County Commissioners of Kent County will leverage their grant funds to replace inefficient appliances with Energy Star appliances.

Kent Center, Inc. **Kent County** **\$16,000**
This grant will enable the Kent Center to implement energy efficiency upgrades in two (2) residential homes for adults with developmental disabilities.

Rebuilding Together **Montgomery County** **\$75,619**
The Montgomery County chapter of Rebuilding Together will leverage the MEA grant to enable energy efficiency retrofits to be incorporated into approximately ninety-five (95) homes being updated during the organization's "Rebuilding Days".

Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery County **Montgomery County** **\$75,295**
This grant will enable Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery County to deliver the national Habitat for Humanity's "Level One" Energy Efficiency Program on homes in Montgomery County.

Prosperity Pail Ministry Works, Inc. **Montgomery County** **\$42,086**
This grant will enable Prosperity Pail to provide hot water tank upgrades to low-to-moderate income residents.

GUIDE Program, Inc. **Prince George's County** **\$60,000**

The GUIDE Program will complete energy efficiency retrofits to facilities that provide psychiatric residential rehabilitation services and housing to low-to-moderate income individuals.

Habitat for Humanity

Prince George's County \$8,000

This grant will enable Habitat for Humanity to provide energy efficiency upgrades to a new low-to-moderate income home being constructed in Prince George's County.

Prince George's Green Tech Center

Prince George's County \$50,000

Prince George's Green Tech Center will provide energy efficiency measures to low-to-moderate income homes.

United Communities Against Poverty (UCAP)

Prince George's County \$216,000

UCAP will leverage the MEA grant to weatherize homes in Prince George's County. Potential weatherization measures include air sealing, insulating, and HVAC improvements.

Queen Anne's County Housing Authority

Queen Anne's County \$21,000

This project will enable energy efficiency upgrades in a Queen Anne's County low income housing development.

SHORE UP! Inc.

Somerset County \$21,000

This grant will enable SHORE UP! to replace old, inefficient appliances with ENERGY STAR appliances for low-to-moderate income residents in Somerset County.

Housing Authority of St. Mary's County

St. Mary's County \$21,000

This grant will enable the Housing Authority of St. Mary's County to install energy efficient heat pump systems in four homes located in a public housing development.

Christmas in April

St. Mary's County \$7,500

This grant will enable Christmas in April to provide energy efficiency HVAC upgrades to two homes in St. Mary's County.

Habitat for Humanity - Choptank

Talbot County \$21,000

This grant will enable Habitat for Humanity - Choptank to make energy efficiency upgrades to low-to-moderate income, multifamily homes being constructed in Easton.

Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc.

Washington County \$35,920

This grant will enable Associated Builders and Contractors to conduct energy evaluations and do cost-effective energy efficiency upgrades on four veteran-owned homes.

Hagerstown Light Department

Washington County \$35,000

The Hagerstown Light Department will install programmable thermostats in 100 low-to-moderate income homes located within their service territory.

SHORE UP! Inc.

Wicomico County \$25,000

This grant will enable SHORE UP! to replace old, inefficient appliances with ENERGY STAR appliances for low-to-moderate income residents in Wicomico County.

SHORE UP! Inc.

Worcester County \$21,000

This grant will enable SHORE UP! to replace old, inefficient appliances with ENERGY STAR appliances for low-to-moderate income residents in Worcester County.